

3. The shape of a panda resembles a bear's shape.
4. The panda has a massive body, a large head, and short, stubby legs.
5. The panda is built like a bear.
6. The panda can be as long as six feet and as heavy as 300 pounds.
7. The panda also resembles a bear because it can stand on its hind legs.
8. And also bearlike is the way it uses its sharp claws to climb trees.
9. Bears walk on the soles of their feet.
10. The panda also walks on the soles of its feet.
11. The panda has a distinctive "harlequin" outfit.
12. It has a basically creamy white body with black bursts on the ears.
13. It has black bursts over the eyes.
14. It has black bursts around the chest and back.
15. It has black bursts down the forelegs and along the hind legs.
16. The harlequin outfit is the only trademark.
17. The trademark recalls the panda's true relative.
18. The panda's true relative is the raccoon.

Using Structural Patterns

Improve the coherence of each paragraph below by arranging sentences into structural patterns or by ordering old and new information. Be sure to write out each paragraph. As an alternate assignment, revise a paragraph in a draft of your own to improve its coherence.

EXAMPLE

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- A. For Northerners, Lincoln was a hero because he ended slavery and saved the Union. But because he destroyed one of the staples of their economy, Lincoln was regarded as a villain by Southerners.
- B. Because they are produced when conscious controls are lowered, doodles reveal personality in much the same way dreams do. Psychologists at Michigan State University found that students who draw houses in their class notes yearn for security, while aggressive personalities draw sharp objects. Spiders, bugs, and mice are drawn by deeply troubled people. And if you have a "normal" personality, you are likely to draw pictures of domestic animals—dogs, cats, and horses.
- C. The weather forecaster on the evening news may have all the latest information from radar and satellites to give an accurate forecast. Old timers claim you can be just as accurate by watching natural signs. For an indication of fair skies ahead, look for gnats swarming in the setting sun. Noisy woodpeckers signal rain on the way. When bubbles collect in the middle of your morning coffee, fair weather is coming. But it's time to look for an umbrella when the bubbles ring around the edge.

Gene Blues

Read the following twenty-one sentences to get a sense of their meaning. Then, by (1) reordering Sections A–D and (2) rearranging the sentences within each section, construct a coherent essay that explains why the creation of new forms of life through gene transplants is frightening.

- A.
 1. Because transplanted genes can be inserted into bacteria which are able to reproduce themselves in succeeding generations, the result of the transplant is a permanent new life form.
 2. No one knows precisely how it may react to the environment outside the laboratory or to humans and animals.
 3. These creations are a part of recombinant DNA research, which involves transplanting one or more foreign genes into loops of DNA in a bacteria.
 4. Its observable physical characteristics are all that is known about the new life.
- B.
 1. Perhaps scientists, who usually oppose public control of their research, have agreed too readily to those guidelines because they, too, will feel the consequences of a mistake.